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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to an Office communication mailed December 16, 2002 (Paper No. 8). A separate petition for the appropriate extension of time in which to respond is being filed concurrently herewith. Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1, 3-7, and 34 as follows: